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SUBJ: ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON DANISH COMPLAINTS ABOUT  
COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN BALTIC

SUMMARY: AT HIS REQUEST, ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ME  
EARLIER THIS WEEK TO INQUIRE WHETHER INCREASED DANISH COMPLAINTS  
OVER COMMUNIST NAVAL AND AIR ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC ARE LINKED TO  
WHAT HE CALLED A STIFFENING OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS THE  
SOVIET UNION. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR IMPLIED IN HIS PRESENTATION  
THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. I ASSURED HIM THAT AS FAR AS I KNOW,  
DANISH CONCERN OVER INCREASED COMMUNIST NAVAL AND AIR ACTIVITIES  
IN THE BALTIC IS NOT CONNECTED TO WHAT HE CALLED THE  
"HARSHER TONE" IN RECENT AMERICAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON POLICY  
TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. END SUMMARY.

1. AT HIS INITIATIVE, I RECEIVED ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR GEORGE  
PLOESTEANU. SINCE HE IS DEAN OF THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS, I  
ASSUMED THAT HE WAS CALLING ON ME TO RETURN THE COURTESY VISITS  
I HAD MADE ON MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES SINCE MY ARRIVAL HERE FOUR  
MONTHS AGO. IT TURNED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, BUT THAT  
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HE WAS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WHAT HE CALLED THE DETERIORATION

OF THE "SPIRIT OF HELSINKI". BY THE LATTER HE MEANT THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE GONE CONTRARY TO THE EFFORTS OF RELAXING TENSION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

2. MY ROMANIAN COLLEAGUE LISTED THE VARIOUS PROTESTS DANES HAD LODGED WITH THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HE VISITED COPENHAGEN IN FEBRUARY REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF THEIR AIR AND NAVAL SPACE BY POLISH CRAFTS, AS WELL AS SIMILR DISCUSSIONS DANES HAD HAD WITH RUSSIAN AND EAST GERMAN AMBASSADORS HERE. HE ALSO REFERRED TO DEBATE IN FOLKETING WHERE SOME DEPUTIES HAD EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER INCREASED COMMUNIST NAVAL AND AIR ACTIVITY IN BALTIC. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER IN COPENHAGEN HAS ACCUSED THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF DANISH ARMED FORCES, GENERAL BLIXENKRONE-MOLLER, OF WAVING WAND OF "INCREASED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC" TO JUSTIFY AN INCREASE IN THE DANISH DEFENSE BUDGET.

3. THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT THE WAY HE AND HIS EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES SAW IT, THIS DANISH ACTION WAS NOT SPONTANEOUS, BUT SOMEHOW LINKED TO THE HARSHER TONE IN US PRONOUNCEMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA. HE MENTIONED THE DROPPING OF THE WORD "DETENTE" FROM OUR VOCABULARY, THE CANCELLATION OF MINISTERIAL VISITS FROM THE US TO THE SOVIET UNION, AND CHARP ATTACKS ON SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AS EXAMPLES OF CHANGE IN US ATTITUDE TOWARD MOSCOW. HE THEN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE "SPIRIT OF HELSINKI" AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO RELAX TENSION. HE DEPLORED THE THE DANISH ATTACKS ON THE EASTERN EUROPEANS AND THE SOVIET UNION FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC.

4. SINCE HE CLEARLY IMPLIED THERE WAS SOME COLLUSION BETWEEN DANISH ACTIONS AND RECENT AMERICAN PRONOUNCEMENTS ON US POLICY TOWARDS SOVIET UNION, I REPLIED THAT TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS NO LINK BETWEEN THEM. I SAID THAT WHILE THE DANES HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND AND EAST GERMANY FOR INCREASED WARSAW PACT NAVAL AND AIR ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC, THIS IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON. DANES HAD ALREADY COMPLAINED ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES LAST YEAR. THEREFORE, THEIR MORE RECENT PROTESTS MERELY HAPPENED TO COINCIDE WITH SOME OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY US IN REGARD TO THE SOVIET UNION.

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ABOVE ALL, I STRESSED THAT THESE DANISH ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS THE RUSSIANS, POLES AND EAST GERMANS WERE TAKEN UNILATERALLY, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH US AND THAT THEY WERE TAKEN STRICTLY IN CONTEXT WITH WHAT DANES CONSIDER TO BE THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. I ADDED THAT NATO MEMBERS DO NOT ACT THE SAME WAY AS WARSAW PACT MEMBERS; PERHAPS ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR WAS SO ACCUSTOMED TO THINKING IN WARSAW PACT TERMS WHERE ALL DECISIONS

ARE ORCHESTRATED BY SOVIET UNION, THAT HE ASCRIBED SAME MANNER OF OPERATING TO THE US IN NATO. THIS, I SAID, IS NOT THE CASE.

5. I AVAILED MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH OF FEBRUARY 3 WHICH SETS FORTH AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD SOVIET UNION. SINCE HE HAD NOT READ THE SPEECH, I SAID I PREFERRED TO SEND HIM COPY, RATHER THAN PARAPHRASE IT MYSELF. I DID SO THE NEXT DAY AND HE THANKED ME FOR IT.

6. IF DEPT BELIEVES I SHOULD MAKE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO AMB PLOESTEANU (WHICH WOULD OF COURSE TEACH EARS OF OTHER EASTERN DIPLOMATIS), I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE. DEAN

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